

Ammodytes americanus* (American Sand Lance)*Priority 3 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)****Class:** *Actinopterygii* (Ray-finned Fishes)**Order:** *Perciformes* (Perch-like Fishes)**Family:** *Ammodytidae* (Sand Lances (sand Eels))**General comments:**

Maine DMR jurisdiction; NW Atlantic specialist = QC-RI at least

No Species Conservation Range Maps Available for American Sand Lance**SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:****Risk of Extirpation:** NA**State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern:** NA**Recent Significant Declines:** NA**Regional Endemic:** NA**High Regional Conservation Priority:**

Northeast Regional Synthesis (RSGCN):

Responsibility: High, Concern: Very High

High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA**Understudied rare taxa:** NA**Historical:** NA**Culturally Significant:** NA**Habitats Assigned to American Sand Lance:****Formation Name Intertidal****Macrogroup Name Intertidal Water Column****Habitat System Name:** Embayment ****Primary Habitat**** **Notes:** larval stage**Formation Name Subtidal****Macrogroup Name Subtidal Coarse Gravel Bottom****Habitat System Name:** Coarse Gravel ****Primary Habitat**** **Notes:** adult and spawning (Oct - March)**Macrogroup Name Subtidal Pelagic (Water Column)****Habitat System Name:** Nearshore ****Primary Habitat**** **Notes:** larval stage**Habitat System Name:** Offshore **Notes:** larval stage**Macrogroup Name Subtidal Sand Bottom****Habitat System Name:** Sand Bottom Macrogroup - Unknown Habitat System ****Primary Habitat**** **Notes:** adult and spawning (Oct - March)**Stressors Assigned to American Sand Lance:**

No Stressors Currently Assigned to American Sand Lance or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to American Sand Lance:

No Species Specific Conservation Actions Currently Assigned to American Sand Lance or other Priority 3 SGCN.

Guild Level Conservation Actions:

This Species is currently not attributed to a guild.

Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

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Relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.